(a) whether it is a fact that the estimates submitted by the State of Rajasthan under the approved Annual Plan for the year 2007-08 are pending with his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Central Government to approve these estimates so that the money could be utilized timely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Approval/sanction of proposals is a continuous process. The proposals received from State Public Works Department under the approved Annual Plan, are being examined and sanctioned during the financial year. As regards the proposals received under approved Annual Plan for the year 2007-08, works amounting to Rs.186.48 crore had been sanctioned.

Express Highways

521. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct high-speed Express highways and scrap six-laning of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Express highways that are proposed to be constructed in Maharashtra under this project; and

(d) the details of highways which have since been four-laned in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) the Government has approved construction of high-speed Express highways by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase VI. There is no proposal to scrap six-laning of National Highways approved under NHDP, Phase-V.

(b) The Express highways included under NHDP Phase VI are as below:

(i)	Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway	—	380.6 Km
(ii)	Delhi-Meerut Expressway	—	6089 Km
(iii)	Bangalore-Chennai Expressway	—	334 Km
(iv)	Kolkata-Dhanbad Expressway	—	277 Km

(c) 113.300 Km length out of total length of 380.600 Km of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway falls in Maharashtra under NHDP Phase-VI.

(d) The details of highways which have been four laned in Maharashtra are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details Regarding Express Highways Maharashtra

Completed (4 Laned) Projects

Sl. No.	NH No.	Station from to	Length	Parlal Length	Funded by	Present Status	State Name
1.	4B.4	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Phase-I	30	30	SPV	4 Laned	Maharashtra
2.	4	Khambakti Ghat	9	9	MORTH	4 Laned	Maharashtra
3.	4	Kataj Realignment (PS-4)	9	9	NHAI	4 Laned	Maharashtra
4.	4	Mumbai Pune Expressway	10	10	MSRDC	4 Laned	Maharashtra
5.	8	Kajali-Manor	57.4	57.4	ADB	4 Laned	Maharashtra
6.	8	Manor-Baseeim-Creek Section	58	58	MORTH	4 Laned	Maharashtra
7.	8	Baseeim-Creek Bridge-Dhaishar	2	2	MORTH	4 Laned	Maharashtra
8.	8	Dhaishar-Mumbai	4	4	MORTH	4 Laned	Maharashtra
9.	4	Mumbai Pune Expressway	80	80	MSRDC	4 Laned	Maharashtra
10.	4	Westerly Diversion	34.25	34.25	NHAI	4 Laned	Maharashtra
11.	4	Katraj-Sarole (PS-3)	28.5	28.5	NHAI	4 Laned	Maharashtra
12.	4	Sarole-Wathar (PS-2)	29	29	NHAI	4 Laned	Maharashtra
13.	4	Wathar-Satara (PS-1)	35	35	NHAI	4 Laned	Maharashtra
14.	4	Satara-Kagal	133	133	BOT	4 Laned	Maharashtra
15.	7	Chinchbguvan-Butibori-Borkhedl (NS-7)	25.6	25.6	NHAI	4 Laned	Maharashtra
16.	7	Nagpur-Chinchbhuvan	9.2	9.2	MORTH	4 Laned	Maharashtra
17.	50	Pune-Khed	30	30	BOT	4 Laned	Maharashtra

Alternative NH

522. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposed alternative National Highways from the North Salmara, Lengtisinga-Jania to Amingaon, Guwahati Road;

(b) whether the survey of the said road was completed a long back;